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PERSSON, M. et al.

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In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, applicants submit the documents attached hereto to be made of record in the above-identified case. A listing of said documents on form PTO-1449 is also attached.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of the instance application; therefore, no filing fee is believed to be required. If a filing fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge applicants' deposit account 01-1350 for the full amount of said fee.

A copy of the International Search Report dated August 31, 2000 is enclosed herewith.

This Statement is not intended to represent that no better art exists. Applicants reserve the right to contest the applicability of the documents attached hereto as prior art in the event that any information is discovered which demonstrates that said documents do not qualify as prior art.

Consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The claimed invention is, however, deemed to represent a patentable departure from the teachings of the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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